

## Maryland Corrections Participate In Gang Forum...

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On Wednesday June 25, 2008 Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Secretary Gary D. Maynard was featured in a forum to address sharing gang intelligence among corrections, law enforcement and criminal justice educational professionals.

The broadcast was hosted by the US Department of Justice's National Institute of Corrections. Secretary Maynard was interviewed for the session by Dr. William Sondervan, the Director of Criminal Justice Studies at the University of Maryland, University College.

Maynard shared with the audience of professionals from entities in all 50 states and at least five international countries, the current gang situation in Maryland's prisons as well as a progressive approach to addressing this issue called the Kaizen Project. DPSCS has taken a closer look at their gang intelligence efforts over the past year, in particular the sharing of such information with other stakeholders in Maryland such as Baltimore City Police, the Juvenile Justice system, and other community agencies that may have or need pertinent information on the involvement of offenders in gang activity.

The Kaizen Project consists of over fifty executive stakeholders who will analyze the current situation and develop a holistic strategy to reach their common mission of preventing gang violence. Sharing intelligence consolidates resources and allows these entities to know more about the individual they are supervising or who resides in their districts, and prevent future violence against staff or members of the community. staff 06-26-08 4:00